

## **MINUTES**

### **INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

**June 14, 2007**

**10AM  
Executive Inn Hotel  
Atrium Room  
600 W Walnut St  
Evansville IN**

**A. BOARD CALLED TO ORDER**

10 AM

**B. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Roger Johnson  
Charles Hall  
Thomas Hanify (11:00)  
Jack Kerney Sr.  
Jerry Nulliner  
Joseph Wainscott Jr.  
Gerald George

ABSENT

Darrick Scott  
Candice Ashby  
Ab Crosby

**C. MINUTES FROM THE MARCH AND APRIL  
MEETINGS, AND STATISTICAL REPORT FROM  
MARCH, APRIL AND MAY OF 2007.**

Jack Kerney made a motion to accept the minutes. Don Hall seconded. Motion passed. Gerald George made a motion to accept the statistical reports. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

## **D. VARIANCES**

(Variances 1-3 are carried over from the April meeting)

1. Craig Mueller requested Rope Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on training with CMC Rescue School. Continued education hours are enclosed.

Staff recommends approval.

This variance was pulled per the request from Craig Mueller. He will resubmit at a later date.

2. Joshua Valentine requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness and Operations; Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations; Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness; Swift Water Rescue Awareness and Operations; Trench Rescue Awareness and Operations; and Vehicle/Machinery Awareness and Operations; based on training at Fishers Fire Dept.

Staff recommended denial of Structural. We have written/practical in place.

Jack Kerney made a motion to follow staff recommendation. Don Hall seconded. Motion passed.

3. David Roach requested variances for Emergency Vehicle Technician I and Emergency Vehicle Technician II based on training in the military. Records enclosed.

Staff had no recommendation.

Joe Wainscott made a motion to deny. Gerald George seconded. Motion passed. There is not enough information. No record of training on emergency vehicles.

4. Joshua Kilgore requested variances for Instructor I and II/III. He completed a course on Instructor Development through Law Enforcement. He is Firefighter 2.

Staff recommended approval.

Roger Johnson made a motion to approve. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed.

5. Doug Thomas from Kokomo FD requested a variance for Instructor Swift Water based on training through Rescue 3 International. (program submitted previously)

Staff recommended approval

Joe Wainscott made a motion to approve pending submitting documentation of Life Guard training. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion approved.

6. Mark Gugel requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician; Trench Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician. Based on training through Progressive Rescue Solutions Inc. (Copies submitted previously to the board)

Staff recommended approval

Jack Kerney made a motion to approve. Don Hall seconded. Motion passed.

7. Michael Pruitt requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician; Rope Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Structural Rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician; Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician, Rescue Tech Surface Water Rescue; Trench Rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician; Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician; Wilderness Rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician based on training through Indiana Task Force One and Marion County Task Force.

Staff had no recommendation

Gerald George made a motion to approve. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed.

- 8 Jason Clark      9. Michael Moran      10. Chris Conklin

requested a variance for Hazmat Awareness and Operations. They have taken the written/practical for technician and passed. They

have had in house training through Lafayette FD and would like to be granted the Awareness and Operations based on this knowledge.

Staff recommended denial. We have written/practical in place.

Jack Kerney made a motion to deny. Don Hall seconded. Motion passed.

- 11 Kevin Radtke requested variances for Rope Rescue Awareness, Operations, Technician; Rescue Tech-surface water rescue; and Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on the Indiana River Rescue course in South Bend.

Staff had no recommendation.

Joe Wainscott made a motion to deny. Gerald George seconded. Motion passed.

- 12 Kevin Luse 13. Steve Fisher 14. Allan Strange II

requested variances for Hazmat Awareness, Operations and Technician based on training through Safety Systems, ERT School.

Staff recommended denial. We have written/practical in place.

Jack Kerney made a motion to deny. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

- 15 David Boone requested variances for Vehicle & Machinery Awareness, Operations and Technician, based on enclosed documentation. He has met the prerequisites.

Staff had no recommendation

Gerald George made a motion to deny. Needs to show continued education. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed. Discussion was that in the past, continued education was required if the certification was older than 6 years. Roger Johnson made a motion to reconsider the request. Don Hall seconded. Roger Johnson made a motion to approve based on the paperwork. Don Hall seconded. Motion passed.

16. Mark Phillips 17. Steven Mitchell  
18. Richard DeHahn 19. Jason Clark

requested variances for Vehicle & Machinery Awareness, Operations and Technician based on the enclosed program from Illinois.

Staff had no recommendation

Gerald George made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

20. Lance Martin requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness and Operations; Trench Rescue Awareness and Operations; and Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on the enclosed Illinois Program and certifications.

Staff had no recommendation

Gerald George made a motion to approve Trench rescue awareness, and Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness Operations, and Technician, and Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician. Deny all Structural, based on written/practical in place. Joe Wainscott seconded. Motion passed.

21. Richard Doyle                      22. Tobias Frost

requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician, based on the enclosed program from Illinois and certifications provided.

Staff had no recommendation

Gerald George made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

23. Craig Stanton requested variances for Trench Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on the enclosed program from Illinois and enclosed certifications.

Staff had no recommendation

Gerald George made a motion to approve Vehicle/Machinery, deny Trench. He needs Confined Space for Trench. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

24. Brian Giovingo requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Rope Rescue Awareness, Operation and Technician; and Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on the Illinois program and the enclosed certifications.

Staff had no recommendation

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve. Gerald George seconded. Motion passed.

25. Joey Danaher                      26. Rodney Brewer

requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Rope Rescue Awareness, Operation and Technician; Trench Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; and Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on the Illinois program and the enclosed certifications.

Staff had no recommendation

Joe Wainscott made a motion to table for documentation on continued education. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed.

27. Chad Hoey requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Trench Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness and Operations, and Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on the Illinois program and the enclosed certifications.

Staff had no recommendation

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve all except Structural and with additional requirement that the application would provide documentation on continueing education hours for Confined Space Rescue and Trench Rescue. Joe Wainscott seconded. Motion passed.

28. Steve Butram and                      29. Michael Blann

requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Trench Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness,

Operations, and Technician, and Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on the Illinois program and the enclosed certifications.

Staff had no recommendation

Joe Wainscott made a motion to approve all except Structural and need the applicant need to submit continuing education hours for Confined Space and Trench. Gerald George seconded. Motion passed.

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| 30. | Eric Eshelman  | 31. | Robert Kulesa |
| 32. | Andrew Dragash |     |               |

requested variances for Rescue Tech-surface water rescue; Rope Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on the Indiana River Rescue program from South Bend.

Staff had no recommendation

Gerald George made a motion to deny. Roger Johnson seconded. Rope test in place and rope is a prerequisite for Swift water. Motion passed.

33. Michael Hieatt requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Trench Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness and Operations, and Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on the Illinois program and the enclosed certifications.

Staff had no recommendation

Gerald George made a motion to table for continued education and there is a test in place for Structural. Joe Wainscott seconded. Motion passed.

34. Joe Grzynski requested a variance. As an Instructor I he would like to proctor and be lead evaluator for the mandatory program at Whiting Refinery Fire Dept.

Staff had no recommendation

Joe Wainscott made a motion to deny. The regulations do not provide for this. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed.

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| 35. Dan Milligan    | 36. Christopher Watts |
| 37. Aaron Fields    | 38. Joe Archer        |
| 39. Darrel Cross    | 40. Anson Herrington  |
| 41. Cameron Hindman | 42. Mike Latkowski    |
| 43. Jeremiah Monroe | 44. Robert Moore      |
| 45. Joel Minnich    | 46. Brad McClaughlin  |
| 47. John O'Neal     | 48. Dennis Parker     |
| 49. Jerry Titus     | 50. Todd Watson       |
| 51. Matthew Miller  |                       |

requested variances for Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on training through ESEC. Course outline is enclosed.

Staff had no recommendation

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve all except Dan Milligan. No application received. Gerald George seconded. Motion approved.

52. Heather Pieropan requested variances for Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics, Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations, Swift Water rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician, Wilderness Rescue Awareness, and Wildland Fire suppression I and II based on the enclosed certifications and documentation.

Staff had no recommendation

Gerald George made a motion to approve Wildland FF 1 and 2, and Wilderness Rescue Awareness, and deny all others. Testing in place. Joe Wainscott seconded. Motion passed. Vote was 5-1.

53. Scott Huffman requested a variance for Instructor II/III. He is an Instructor I and a Primary Instructor.

Staff had no recommendation

Joe Wainscott made a motion to approve. Tom Hanify seconded. Motion passed. He must test for IFSAC certification. Motion passed.

54. Ryan Altman requested a variance for Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on the program submitted.



Staff had no recommendation

Gerald George made a motion to approve. Don Hall seconded.  
Motion passed.

55. Shade Keeney 56. Brad Kellar 57. Adam Leeper

requested variance for the 90 day time frame on completed practicals. They was told they had 2 years to complete, and would like us to accept his practicals.

Staff had no recommendation

Tom Hanify made a motion to table for further investigation.  
Gerald George seconded. Motion passed.

## **E. RECIPROCITY REQUESTS**

None at this time

## **F. STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT- ROGER JOHNSON**

No report at this time.

## **G. HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING DIVISION REPORT; DIRECTOR JOSEPH WAINSCOTT JR.**

I will follow the Marshal on this and reserve my report for the following meeting. I will let you know that all Rescue tests will be in place by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **H. TONY PAGANO, CERTIFICATION SECTION CHIEF.**

1. Procedure for requesting variances.

We will revise this to show that any variance can be submitted however in the past, the board has denied variances when there has been a written test in place.

How long do we hold tabled variances before stop holding these?

The board states that we hold these tabled variances for 60 days. They will get a letter informing them of what the board needs, we then hold for 60 days to receive this information, then it will go back to the board for dismissal of the request.

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS- JUDGE TEEGARDEN**

1. 07-01, non-final order of dismissal and is ready for Board Action on Richard Miller.

He never responded to letter asking for a phone number for a conference.

2. 06-03, Richard Snyder; 06-04, Clayton Edwards; and 06-05, Jeffery Bailey, nonfinal order of dismissal and ready for Board action. (Appeal Instructor I test scores)

Judge Teegarden has no administrative authority to deal with this. Tom Hanify made a motion to table until the July meeting. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed.

**J. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Ratification of Board decision concerning the complaint on Jackson Twp FD/ Fruitdale FD investigation.
2. Memo to Board concerning the sanction for Mr. Mourer. (Mara Snyder)

Letter will be mailed out and his sanction will start on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. He cannot be a lead instructor and he would have to be supervised as an instructor of a class for 1 year. Jack Kerney made a motion to accept. Don Hall seconded. Motion passed.

3. Hazardous Material Technician certifications. (Master program)  
The question was, does the old (pre 1999) master or Hazmat Tech certification meet the standard that is required in the new certifications.  
This will have to be handled on a one on one basis.

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board appointed representative for IFSAC.

Gerald George made a motion to nominate Jerry Nulliner. Tom Hanify seconded. Motion passed.

2. SB 561 change in statute for mandatory.

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, SB 561 will go into effect. This bill will allow you to bypass the mandatory and basic certification and go straight to Firefighter ½. You will have to provide documentation showing that you have had SIDS, CPR and Emergency Safety Driving. This will effect any testing done on or after July 1, 2007.

**L MEETING ADJOURNED** at 1 PM

## **NEXT MEETING**

**July 16, 2007**

**Auburn FD – 6PM (Indianapolis time)**

**902 Grandstaff Dr**

**Auburn IN 46706**